

## INSIDE THIS WEEK:



Stalwarts are  
honoured for  
work in borough



Pub plan  
gets the  
green light

## Tornado hits town!

A TOTAL of 24 homes in Skelmersdale were damaged when a reported tornado struck the town just after 12pm last Friday.

Emergency services confirmed that the streets affected by the freak weather burst were in Eskbank, Tanhouse and Grimshaw Road.

Residents were told to not go near the area while work was carried out to make sure properties were safe.

Following the incident some residents had to be evacuated from their homes.

A statement by Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service said: "At 12:09pm on October 29, three

*Freak weather  
causes damage  
to properties*

fire engines from Skelmersdale and Ormskirk attended a dangerous structure incident on Eskbank, Skelmersdale. One support pump from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service also attended. The incident involves approximately 24 domestic properties damaged due to inclement weather.

"A further three fire engines

and an aerial ladder platform from Chorley, Preston and Fulwood were also in attendance. Firefighters worked with Lancashire Police and West Lancashire Borough Council to make the buildings safe and assist residents."

People were also advised to avoid the area.

West Lancs Policing Team added: "West Lancashire isn't known for its extreme weather, but just before mid-day today, a tornado (confirmed by residents) has travelled through the area causing a significant amount of damage to properties.

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Some of the homes affected by the reported tornado

# LIFELINE GROUP FACES CLOSURE THREAT

A LIFELINE for older people in the borough is in danger of being wound up because it can't find new members.

Now, in a bid to survive, Skelmersdale U3A has sent out an urgent SOS warning that if it can't find new members then the organisation will have to close.

Skelmersdale U3A recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, but its future now looks uncertain.

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## Council urged to make improvements to its pest control services

MP Rosie Cooper has demanded West Lancashire Borough Council make urgent improvements to its pest control and maintenance services, after she was horrified to be told by a council tenant in Ormskirk that they had to live with a rat infestation for years.

The resident contacted the West Lancashire MP to ask for her support after she claimed the council repeatedly failed to deal with the rats living in her attic.

The council has since apologised and have confirmed the works required to stop the rodents accessing the property have finished.

Ms Cooper MP said: "I am horrified that this has been allowed to happen!"

"No one should have to live with rats in their property, and the council have an obligation to their tenants to ensure problems like this are dealt with quickly and comprehensively.

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# Plans to turn former pub into convenience store get green light

Report by **Henry James**

**PLANS** to convert the former Railway Hotel in Parbold into a Co-op store and to build three apartments on the site have been approved.

The decision was made by West Lancashire Borough Council's Planning Committee.

The former pub is set to be converted into a retail store across the ground and lower ground levels.

The first floor of the existing pub building, which is currently used as an ancillary residential accommodation, would be voided, and the existing basement would be infilled.

To the west of the car park it is proposed to build a residential block. The building would include three two-bedroom apartments.

Parbold Parish Council welcomed the development of the public house into a viable business.

However, they had concerns about the traffic implications.

The borough council has had letters from residents who were concerned about increase in traffic and parking, as well as highway and pedestrian safety issues.

Some locals were also concerned that the proposal would badly impact on other businesses in Parbold, while another resident wrote to the council in favour of the plan to say that the apartment block is "visually stunning and well thought out".

They said the immediate locality would benefit greatly from this scheme and there would be little or no shortcomings to be seen. They saw the scheme as a welcome addition to the village.

The application was to be considered under the council's delegation scheme but was referred to committee by Councillors Blake and Whittington.

They wanted the committee to consider a number



**The former Railway Hotel in Parbold**

of points such as a change of use of the building in the centre of Parbold, the flooding issues with site and traffic issues.

Officers wrote the following in planning documents for the Planning Committee meeting: "The proposed development is considered to be acceptable in principle.

"The design, size and scale of the extension and the new building are considered to be acceptable and will preserve the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

"The proposal would not have any significantly harmful impacts on neighbour amenity.

"Subject to appropriate conditions the proposal would not result in adverse impacts on flooding/drainage, highway safety, trees or biodiversity within the local area. The proposed development is considered to be compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework."

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# U3A SOS!

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The U3A is aimed at attracting older people, many of whom have retired and it gives them the chance to make new friends who share the same interests.

The Skelmersdale group was formed in 2011 and encourages members to participate in leisure, social and educational activities.

They are a small voluntary organisation where retired and semi-retired people of all ages, skills and interests meet for "friendship, mutual interests and hobbies in order to prove there is a third age to life after middle age."

The secretary of the group, Deborah Reardon, commented: "We want people to help save our group."

"It is sad news there is serious danger that, yet another social community group is about to fold unless we can attract new members."

"Skelmersdale U3A recently celebrated its 10th anniversary but is now on the brink of closing its doors for good. Covid19 cannot take all the blame. Skelmersdale U3A's difficulties are a combination of a membership that is 10 years older plus a decline in gaining new members. The U3A movement has a lot of strengths one of which is the ability to create small, focused groups."

The U3A allows people who have an interest in gardening, travel, rambling, or just postage stamps for example to meet up. Deborah added: "The U3A allows people to meet up with others with the same interests."

"You can do it for just two hours, or one day, or weekly or monthly or annually for as long as you and the group want. All the groups are self-financing. Costs range from £1 upwards to cover the group's costs only. This makes the costs very attractive, plus we are a very friendly lot."

"If we are not able to attract more members soon, there is a very strong possibility Skelmersdale U3A will fold at the end of the year. We believe in learn, laugh, and live – join us."

The group will be celebrating Lancashire Day at their next meeting Thursday, November 18, at 2pm in the Ecumenical Centre.

For more information call 01695 729998, or visit [www.u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale/home](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/skelmersdale/home)

# Grant scheme launched to help businesses in borough recover from pandemic

Report by Henry James

A BUSINESS grant scheme has been launched by West Lancashire Borough Council to help firms 'get back on their feet' post-Covid.

The West Lancashire Economic Recovery Grant has been developed to offer direct support to businesses that will boost their recovery after the challenges of the pandemic.

The new scheme has been funded through a successful allocation of monies received from a third round of Central Government's Additional Restrictions Grant fund.

Council leaders have confirmed that the council has helped more than 2,000 businesses in West Lancashire with more than £39.7m paid out in Government business grants.

The aim of the West Lancashire Economic Recovery Grant is to support businesses across a wide range of eligible sectors and to encourage them to explore and introduce new ways of working.

The scheme could help businesses develop a new website, or buy in a new service or piece of equipment that will enhance their offer and enable them to attract new customers. It will also look to support the implementation of new IT/Digital systems and training opportunities, subject to meeting the eligibility requirements.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council and cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "Since March 2020, the council has supported over 2,000 businesses across our Borough, with over £39.7m paid out in Government business grants."

"This new grant scheme will help to sustain our businesses' future and add a much-needed boost to their growth, whilst improving the local economy of West Lancashire. I would encourage any eligible business to apply."

Expressions of interest are welcomed from businesses who have set projects in mind and operate in, or are suppliers to, the following sectors: Accommodation; Events; Gym & Sport; Hospitality; Leisure; Personal Care; Retail; and Travel & Tourism.

• Further information can be found by visiting the council's website at [www.west-lancs.gov.uk/businessgrants](http://www.west-lancs.gov.uk/businessgrants)

## MP Cooper calls for improvements to pest control service

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"Unfortunately, this has not been the case, and my constituent has repeatedly had to fight for the council to do even the most basic pest control."

"I can't understand why after several reports over the years, the council didn't try to find the way the rats were getting into the property and resolve the problem once and for all."

"Although the council have now sent a team to investigate, this is several years too late and only after I had to raise it with the chief executive!"

"It shouldn't take an MP complaining about a council tenant's rat problem to get WLBC to take thorough action!"

"The council need to work proactively to fix problems when they occur, not wait until the problem gets bad enough the tenant has to contact their MP!"

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The borough council responded: "We would like to apologise to our customer for any unnecessary delays and inconvenience that they have suffered whilst waiting for these issues to be resolved."

"We acknowledge that the works have taken much longer to resolve than we would have liked and that this situation for our customer is unacceptable."

"We can confirm the works required to stop the rodents accessing the property and subsequent drainage works have now been completed, and we expect that this will resolve the issue."

"We have carried out an investigation into this case to identify where we can make improvements to our processes and procedures to ensure that in the future we are able to resolve any issues of this nature much quicker."

## Borough hit by tornado and flooding

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"Thankfully there are currently no reports of injuries, but there is some damage to roofing, which is on the floor due to this."

"The community have been fantastic confirming neighbours safety and welfare, and emergency services have been quick to respond."

"A special thanks to the LFRS who are currently on-site ensuring building safety removing loose tiles, along with WLBC who have immediately deployed the Clean and Green Teams and emergency housing officers to conduct property surveys and ensure any family displacement is taken care of."

"If anybody needs support, or if you are concerned about anybody, please call or make yourself know to officers on site. This has been an example of great community spirit and great partnership working."

West Lancashire was also hit by heavy rains on Sunday night and Monday morning, causing widespread flooding.

Northway in Skelmersdale had to be closed between Asda and the Concourse Shopping Centre after it became flooded.



Northway was closed on Monday after heavy rains hit West Lancashire

## North Meols by-election

A BY-ELECTION will take place on Thursday, November 4 to find a Councillor for the North Meols ward of West Lancashire Borough Council.

Residents are going to the polls to choose a successor to Conservative Cllr Tom Blane,

who passed away in September.

At the election, John Howard, from Banks, is The Conservative Party candidate and Tarleton's Liz Savage is representing the Labour Party.

The poll will be taken between 7am and 10pm.

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North West Blood Bike Lancs and Lakes receive their new bike from the Scarisbrick and District Armada Motor Cycle Club

## Club present new ride to North West Blood Bikes

By Henry James

VOLUNTEERS from North West Blood Bike Lancs and Lakes were in attendance at Heaton's Bridge Inn, Scarisbrick as the members of the Scarisbrick and District Armada Motor Cycle Club arrived to hand over another new liveried motorcycle.

Following the event on Saturday, October 16, NWBB, which provides a free professional transportation service for the NHS, now has 13 specialist machines.

At the formal hand-over of the bike keys to volunteer Andy Downey, who is assistant manager for NWBB, Graeme Young expressed the good wishes of the S & D Armada Club members.

He said: "We look forward to seeing both our donated bikes working together for the NHS across our local area."

Although Scarisbrick is a tiny rural location, the size, activity and energy of its resident motorcycle club extends well beyond West Lancashire.

The club are the organisers and promoters of the 'Plop Enduro' race series which takes place on famous motor racing circuits all around the country.

Spectators are treated to an entertaining and engaging contest as the machines vie with each other to see who can travel furthest in the allotted time - albeit at a rather more sedate pace than more well-known superbike racers.

Graeme Young from the Scarisbrick club said: "The main stipulation is the Plop machines have to be fuelled by the original standard design carburettor and that stops things getting too extreme."

"This year's season has finished and the next public action is in 2022. For more information search for Plop Enduro on Facebook."

The Plop Enduro races are hugely popular and the proceeds of the series are distributed to charities.

In 2018 North West Blood Bikes were given a fully liveried BMW machine to use in the West Lancs Area.

Prospective riders who are interested in joining them as riders, drivers, controllers or fundraisers can visit [nwbb-lancs.org](http://nwbb-lancs.org)



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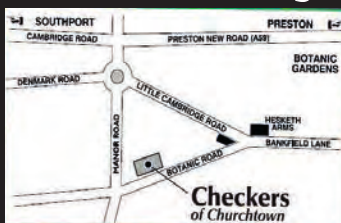
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# Making bridge single lane ‘could cause fatal delays to ambulances’

Paramedic claims proposal may lead to life-threatening delays to emergency vehicles taking patients to hospitals

Report by **Henry James**

**MAKING** the Derby Street railway bridge in Ormskirk single lane will cause serious delays to ambulances on their way to hospital and potentially lead to loss of life, a paramedic has claimed.

The concern was raised in a petition launched by political party Our West Lancashire which is calling on Lancashire County Council to conduct a formal trial of one lane operation on the bridge before making a permanent change.

The county council is currently set to base its decision solely on computer modelling.

The petition has been signed by more than more than 1,400 people who were invited to add comments.

A serving ambulance driver who signed the petition, said “reducing the road down to one lane would cause delays and could end in someone losing their life.”

They added: “It is utter madness that you don’t conduct a trial first.”

“Would you like to be the person in the back of the ambulance praying the ambulance can get you to hospital in time?”

Councillor Adrian Owens, chairman of Our West Lancashire said: “Several residents raised concerns about the passage of emergency vehicles especially as this road is part of the direct route between Southport and Ormskirk hospitals.”

He described the comment from the serving



The Derby Street railway bridge

ambulance driver as “very concerning.”

Cllr Owens said he had raised the concerns about possible ambulance delays with the Highways cabinet member, Cllr Charlie Edwards.

A spokesman for Lancashire County Council said: “Derby Street Bridge is a grade 2 listed structure which carries the A570, one of Lancashire’s most important roads.

“The planned strengthening work is vital to ensure the long-term viability of the bridge and ensure it can be used by all vehicles.

“Alongside this we have carefully considered a range of options to ensure safety for pedestrians in future, and leaving the current narrow footways in place is not an acceptable option for the long term.

“We have used a robust method which is routinely used by the highways industry to evaluate the effect of removing a lane of traffic on the bridge which shows that, while there are a number of issues which contribute to traffic congestion in Ormskirk, taking this measure will not have any negative impact on traffic flow.”

# Thank you note to police as Mischief Night passes quietly

**POLICE** in Ormskirk had a welcome surprise when they returned to their car on Mischief Night (Saturday, October 30) – a resident left a thank you note on the vehicle.

The officers were on patrol as part of their operations over the Halloween weekend when they found the message written on a sticky note.

It stated the house number where they live and said ‘I can’t tell you how grateful I am for your presence.’

Officers posted a photograph stating it was “a lovely note of thanks from one of our residents. Thankfully the majority of people are enjoying the Halloween weekend responsibly.”



The thank you note left on the car.

The post added: “We have just had to speak to a small group in Ormskirk town centre about their behaviour but they are now on their way home as I think it was past their bed time.”

In an earlier post they wrote: “Do you know where your child is tonight?”

“We’d like to appeal to parents – do you know where your children are? With the message to stay safe and enjoy Halloween responsibly.

“The consequences of anti social behaviour and criminality can have a lasting impact on a young person’s life and on those affected by their actions. It seems that most people got the message.”

# Man arrested for attempted murder after shooting in ‘targeted attack’ at house

A MAN has been arrested for attempted murder following a shooting in Skelmersdale.

Police were called at 12.30am on Monday (October 25) to a report of a suspected firearms discharge in Cedar Grove.

Officers found damage to the front door of a property consistent with a firearm being fired.

No-one was injured in what police believe was ‘targeted attack.’

A 35-year-old man from Skelmersdale has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. He remains in custody.

Detective Inspector Steve Monk, of Lancashire Police, said: “This is clearly a worrying and concerning incident.

“Patrols have been increased and you should expect to see a visible police presence in the area in the coming days.

“If you have any concerns please feel free to speak to an officer.

“We have arrested a man and we would con-



Cedar Grove

tinue to appeal to anyone with information to come forward.”

Anyone with any information about the incident should contact police on 101 quoting log number 0033 of October 25 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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Mayor, Cllr Gordon Johnson presents the accolades to retired Councillor Iain Ashcroft (above, left) and Joe Nelson (above, right)



## Special men recognised for their contributions across West Lancashire

*Pair given accolades for work in  
community and council services*

By **Henry James**

TWO men have been recognised by the borough council for their contributions to West Lancashire. Iain Ashcroft and Joe Nelson were presented with their honours at special services on Wednesday, October 13.

Retired Councillor Iain Ashcroft, who represented Hesketh-with-Beaconsall, has been made an honor-

ary alderman by West Lancashire Borough Council in recognition of his council service for more than 21 years. The Mayor, Cllr Gordon Johnson, presented him with an alderman scroll and borough council shield.

Mr Ashcroft's wife, Beverley, and one of their three children, Bethany, were among the guests.

Joe Nelson has received the freedom of the borough of West Lancashire in recognition of his voluntary work as chairman of the Skelmersdale Junior Football League for more than 30 years.

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# Exploits of 'world's worst golfer' Maurice Flitcroft to be made into comedy film

Hoaxer stayed with brother in Skelmersdale while trying to qualify for 1976 Open - and then scored worst ever round

Report by **Henry James**

A FILM has been made about the 'world's worst golfer' Maurice Flitcroft, who tricked his way into playing in a qualifying competition for the 1976 British Open held in Southport despite hardly having played the game.

Flitcroft, a 46 year old crane operator from Barrow, said he was a professional golfer although he had actually only ever played on fields before.

But his entry was accepted, and he stayed with his elder brother Roy in Skelmersdale, while competing at the qualifying event in Formby.

He went to score a record-worst score of 121 (49-over par!) the worst-ever recorded since the Open Championship began in 186.

His exploits have now been made into a comedy film, The Phantom of the Open, which is due for general release next April.

In the film Flitcroft is played by

the actor Sir Mark Rylance who has appeared in films such as The BFG, Bridge of Spies and Dunkirk.

After the round Flitcroft said: "I had every intention of completing the round, no matter what, and if I kept trying, who knows? I might still strike some sort of form and salvage something from the wreckage."

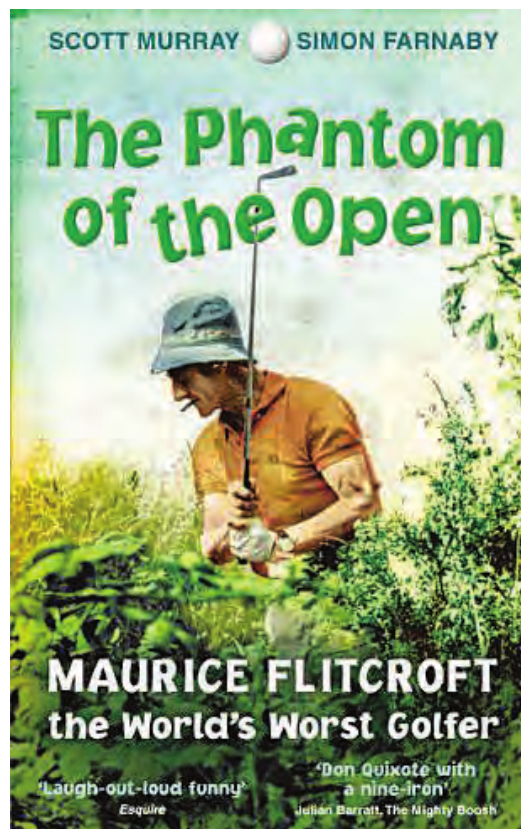
Flitcroft would have needed 13 holes in one the next day to qualify for The Open, so he did not return the following day for the second round.

After his Formby round, The R&A was furious and banned him from all their courses.

He went to watch the final day of The Open at Royal Birkdale and was photographed next to a young Seve, who finished second. The event was won by Johnny Miller.

Flitcroft died in 2007 and had only been able to play golf on local fields as he was banned from golf clubs.

The film is based on the biographical book The Phantom of the Open: Maurice Flitcroft, The World's Worst Golfer, which was published in 2010 and co-authored by Simon Farnaby who wrote the film's screenplay.



The film is based on this biographical book.

## Residents invited to Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are invited to observe the latest Primary Care Commissioning Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 9 between 1.30pm and 3pm.

Anyone wishing to observe the meeting, or raise questions relat-

ing to items on the agenda can do so by contacting the secretary to the board directly by emailing [wlccg.info@nhs.net](mailto:wlccg.info@nhs.net) by noon on Monday, November 8. A response will be sent directly to the individual who raised the question.

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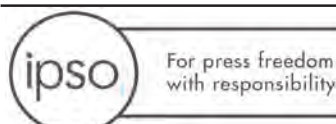
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## Hospital remembrance service for loved ones to be online

A REMEMBRANCE service held by the chaplaincy team at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital for people to remember loved ones will take place online this year.

Due to the ongoing restrictions, the team has recorded a service which will be available online on the Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust YouTube channel from 11am on Sunday, November 7.

The service includes reflections from various hospital staff, a specific time to remember loved ones as well as songs from local singers. Trees will be planted at both



Rev Martin Abrams

hospitals and will become the focus of remembrance.

If people would like to plant bulbs around the trees in

remembrance of a loved one, or would like this done on their behalf, email [soh-tr.chaplains@nhs.net](mailto:soh-tr.chaplains@nhs.net) or call 01704 704639.

Hospital chaplain Rev Martin Abrams said: "I am very grateful to different colleagues for supporting this and I do hope the memorial magnolia trees we are planting at both hospitals will become the focus of hope and remembrance."

"The recording will have readings, reflections and music from a wide variety of people and will hopefully be helpful to people on the bereavement journey."

## Council grant scheme for voluntary groups set to be relaunched

Each county councillor to get £2,000 to support grassroots projects in their community

Report by Henry James

A SCHEME to fund voluntary, community, and faith sector groups across Lancashire is set to be relaunched to help county councillors support vital work in their communities.

The Local Member Grant Scheme will give councillors the chance to make small grants to groups and organisations who make a real difference in their local areas.

Funding will go towards specific projects that benefit the community rather than general running costs of the groups, with each councillor allotted £2,000 each year to give away to organisations working in their own communities.

The scheme will be discussed by members of the council's Cabinet at its next meeting on Thursday, November 4, and then by the full council at its meeting in December.

They are expected to vote for the reintroduction of the scheme, which previously ran from 2006 to 2017, from January next year.

Grants will be given to projects which meet the council's corporate priorities, particularly those of 'Caring for the Vulnerable' and 'Protecting our Environment.'

Applications will be considered by each Group's local county councillor, who will decide which projects should be supported.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "We know what a difference grants like these can make to community



County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, leader of Lancashire County Council

projects and as a new administration we were really keen that they should be reintroduced.

"All 84 councillors will have a pot of £2,000 each to make grants to support some of the amazing work we already know is happening at a grassroots level."

"We particularly want to help smaller groups and groups looking for relatively small sums of money, with a minimum grant level set at £100."

"Although larger charities and organisations are very welcome to apply, this scheme is also open to groups with less capacity and resource, and who sometimes might find applying for grants daunting or difficult."

"The difference that such groups can make in their communities with relatively small amounts of money is well understood and something the council wanted to support."



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# Martin Mere news



## Winter birds of prey at WWT Martin Mere

Winter is starting to set in the mere is full of ducks and waders which also attracts a variety of birds of prey.

Peregrine falcons are seen most days, they fly really high and the flock of lapwings see them as soon as they arrive and fly up into a swirling flock to confuse the peregrine. Go down to the Janet Kear hide and we have birdfeeders that attract a wide variety of small birds and mammals. A sparrowhawk can often be seen sat in the tree waiting for a rat or mouse to come out or it can be seen darting through the trees trying to catch a blue tit unaware.

We had a great year for Marsh Harriers with 3 pairs breeding on site and fledging 4 youngsters, over the winter more marsh harriers come onto the reserve as it's a great place to hunt and roost in the reedbed, a stunning male has been seen just this week. Look out at dusk as the harriers come into roost and you might see a hen harrier amongst them the males are a stunning grey with a white ring around the base of the tail.

While you sit in the United Utilities hide scan the fence posts for a buzzard they can often be seen rain or shine sat looking for a hunting opportunity. Another bird of prey to look out for when you are scanning the fence posts is the merlin they are really small and when they fly they are very direct they know exactly where they are going and they like to fly the quickest way there possible. Kestrels are a stunning orange colour and can often be seen near the Janet Kear hide waiting for a rat or mouse to come out under the birdfeeders. The kestrels hoover keeping their head perfectly still, they can see in infrared, when the mice are running around they pee constantly and this shows up to the kestrels like a trail.

A visit to Martin Mere in the winter is an amazing experience and some days you can see 7 species of birds of prey, but I feel just seeing one of these amazing birds is a fantastic experience.

For further information, please visit [www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere](http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere)



Photograph of a Sparrowhawk by Nick Brooks

Visit the web site [www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere](http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere) to find out what's on the reserve at the moment as well as all the upcoming events

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# Remembrance Day services set to return after Covid cancelled last year's events

Report by **Henry James**

EVERY year on Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, West Lancashire communities pay tribute to those who have lost their lives serving their country.

Armistice Day tributes will take place on November 11 followed by Remembrance Sunday commemorations across the Borough on November 14.

In 2020, Covid-19 restrictions forced the cancellation of the traditional parades and services and residents were instead asked to pay their respects by observing a two minute silence wherever they were, creating a remembrance space in their gardens and donating to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

This year will see a welcome return to the traditional parades and gatherings where everyone is invited to join together to mark these important occasions.

Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Gordon Johnson said: "We are delighted to be able to return to the traditional way in which we honour those who have fallen while in service."

"2021 is the centenary year of the Royal British Legion, making this year's commemorations even more poignant. West Lancashire will always remember the sacrifices made to protect our citizens and our freedoms."

Details of the commemorations across the borough are as follows:

**Remembrance Sunday services, November 14:**

**Aughton: 12.15pm**  
The Parade assembles at the War Memorial in Granville Park for the Service of Remembrance.

**Burscough: 1.45pm**  
The Mayor, Councillor Gordon Johnson, will attend a short service at the War Memorial in Jun-

tion Lane followed by the laying of wreaths.

**Halsall: 10.45am**  
There will be a short wreath laying service at the War Memorial.

**Lathom: 10.20am**  
The Parade assembles at Lathom Park War Memorial, Hall Lane for a wreath laying Ceremony at 10.30am which is followed by a Service of Remembrance in Lathom Park Chapel at 11am.

**Ormskirk: 9.30am**  
The Mayor, Councillor Gordon Johnson, WLBC chief operating officer, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey and Rosie Cooper MP will attend a short service at St. Anne's R.C. Church followed by one-minute's silence, playing of the Last Post, the laying of wreaths and Reveille.

**Skelmersdale: 11am**  
The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marilyn Westley accompanied by WLBC corporate director of place and community, Heidi McDougall, will join the Parade, which marches from Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale at 10.35am, to the War Memorial in Sandy Lane for a service and wreath laying ceremony at 11am.

**Up Holland: 10.50am**  
The Parade assembles at the War Memorial at Vicarage Corner for a 30-minute wreath laying ceremony.

**Armistice Day Services, November 11:**

**Coronation Park**  
There will be a short service and a two-minute silence at 11am at the War Memorial in Coronation Park, Ormskirk. All are welcome to arrive from approx 10.45am.

**HMS Ringtail Monument, Pippin Street, Ringtail Retail Park**

There will be a short service and a two-minute silence after which wreaths will be laid at the monument. Deputy Mayor, Councillor Marilyn Westley will represent the Mayor. All are welcome to arrive for approximately 10.15am.

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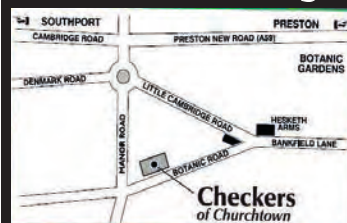
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Families need to recognise signs and symptoms of the RSV virus

This winter doctors predict that more babies and toddlers than ever will catch RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) and the latest information from the UK's public health protection agency, UKHSA, shows that cases of RSV in the North West are on the rise.

RSV is a common, highly infectious virus that usually circulates at this time of year and causes coughs and colds. It's the main cause of breathing difficulties in younger children and while most will only experience mild symptoms, it can lead to more serious respiratory problems in very young children with health conditions or complex medical needs.

Now we are mixing more, very young children are at particular risk of getting RSV because they won't have been exposed to this virus yet, or had the chance to build up a natural immunity to it.

As a charity supporting families with disabled children Contact wants to make sure that all families in Lancashire recognise the signs and symptoms of RSV, how to reduce the risk of their child getting respiratory infections in the first place and to take action early by seeking advice and help from your pharmacy or GP if your child develops breathing problems as a result of the virus.

You can find out more about RSV and other winter viruses on our website [www.contact.org.uk](http://www.contact.org.uk) or if you have a question you can call our helpline on 0808 808 3555.

Being aware of RSV alongside getting the flu vaccination and the Covid-19 booster jab are some of the key ways to protect yours and the health of your children with disabilities and health conditions so everyone keeps well this winter.

Amanda Batten,  
CEO of Contact, the charity for families with disabled children.

Hedgerow in Aughton has been destroyed and now is just an eyesore full of litter

In view of the increased attention being given to environmental matters, and associated climate change, I thought the following may be of interest.

Around four years ago I contacted West Lancashire Council and brought to their attention the removal of a 200 metre stretch of hedgerow alongside Winifred Lane, Aughton.

They informed me that the hedgerow had not been removed (grubbed out) but had been 'pruned' within guidelines and there was nothing amiss (apart from the fact that an old hedgerow had been decimated along with the nesting birds and other associated wildlife).

The council representative also assured me that the hedgerow would survive intact and, in any case, it wasn't worth saving because it didn't contain the necessary mixture of trees.

Now, four years on and following a number of approved 'pruning exercises' the hedgerow has totally vanished with no visible trees surviving.

It is now just an eyesore, useful only for collecting plastic bottles and general litter.

I did ask how the landowner was able to proceed in this manner with the council observing but having no obvious powers to intervene, despite the laudable aims of conservation being highlighted on the council's website.

Since the adjacent field is no longer cultivated it does not make sense for the landowner to spend money on an expensive yet non-essential activity.

If I was a suspicious individual I might suspect the land was being prepared for development.

I would be pleased to know your readers views on this or similar issues in West Lancashire.

Perhaps the non-replacement of dead and/or dying trees might prove to be an interesting area for discussion.

Doug Clarkson,  
Aughton

Our lives are precious - so wear a mask

I was recently in hospital after a serious accident and while there two patients on my ward went on ventilators in the night and both died.

My life is even more precious now because I'm lucky to be here, so I wear a mask and distance myself.

It is better to be safe than sorry.

I see so much disrespect, especially on the Liverpool to Southport train.

Life would be so much easier (for many of us) if transport staff were given powers to issue fines to selfish travellers.

Please show respect and keep a distance.

Concerned,  
Southport

New bridge would be an excellent solution

Project would have to be funded by Lancashire County Council

Can I commend the recent letter from George Oliver regarding the Council's options for Derby Street Bridge.

Traffic through Ormskirk has been a problem since before the war and successive proposals for a continuation of the Rainford bypass to alleviate flow through Ormskirk have been given little or no priority.

If Ormskirk was a town in the south of the country plans and money would have been found to implement changes long before now.

Mr Oliver's suggestion of a new bridge and road being built through the bus station taking traffic directly up St Helens road is an excellent solution and in the present political climate of levelling up why not press and get some plans and money for a bypass?

We live in hope.

Ray Jones,  
By email

I'm afraid Mr Oliver is wrong to assume that Derby Street bridge is Network Rail's responsibility just because it goes over the railway.

Under the Highways Act 1980, the highway authority, Lancashire County Council, is under a duty to maintain the highway.

Any bridge or tunnel over which the highway passes is treated as part of the highway under this Act, so must also be maintained by the highway authority.

Contrary to Mr Oliver's assertion, the structure is not solely the responsibility of Network Rail.

It is LCC's responsibility, which is why the work will be undertaken and paid for by them.

It is also wrong to suggest that the new bridge he proposes would be a Network Rail



Ormskirk's Derby Street bridge.

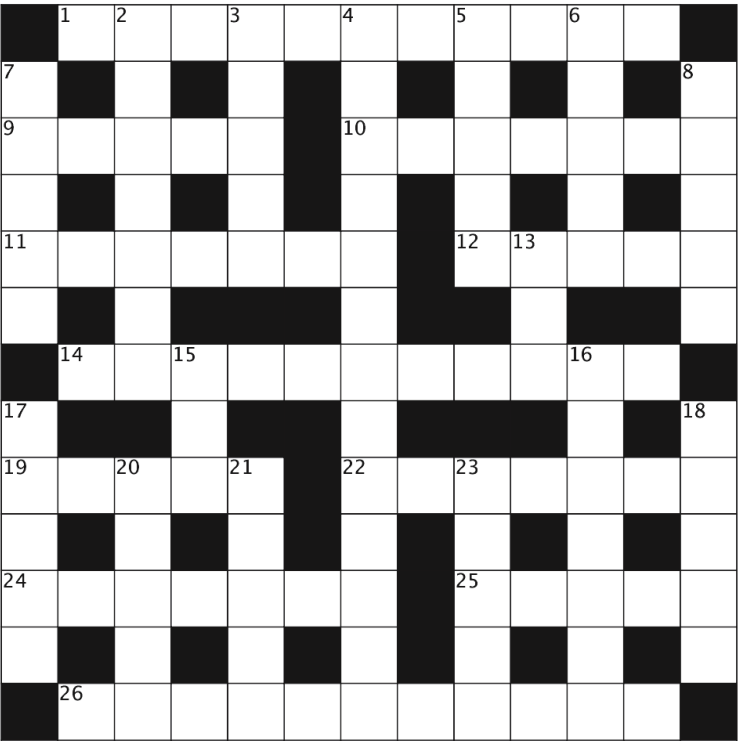
project. The bridge would be required by LCC, not the railway. LCC has no powers to force Network Rail to build a bridge.

It would therefore be up to LCC to build and maintain any new bridge.

Peter Harrison,  
By email

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  - E.g. Zeppelin (7)
  - Go in (5)
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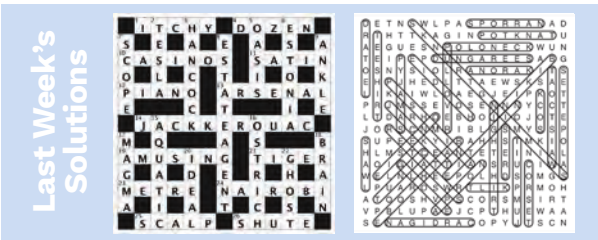
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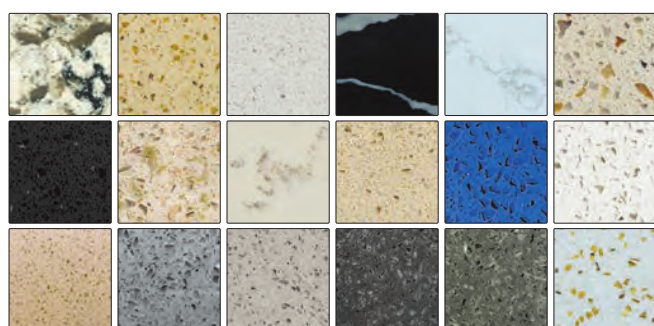


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## Council passes motion to 'actively stand against hate crime' in borough

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has vowed to support LGBTQIA+ people in the borough as a motion was passed to "actively stand against hate crime" and celebrate Pride Month.

Some of the commitments made by the council include flying a 'Pride' flag over council buildings during Pride month in June and allowing the newly-formed West Lancashire Pride Group, in line with other community groups, the free use of council premises for meetings in order to help the group establish itself and promote its work on inclusivity.

The motion stated that the council has a duty under the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 to "consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work – in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees."

Councillor Adam Yates, who brought forward the motion, said: "I was delighted to hear about the newly established West Lancashire Pride Group in our borough and it seemed like a particularly signi-



**Councillor Adam Yates**

ficant time to show our support for our local LGBTQIA+ community.

"Very sadly, they are still subjected to homophobic and discriminatory attacks that unfortunately occur far too often despite us living in what is perceived to be a generally more tolerant society.

"There's a lot of great work going on out there with community groups working hard towards acceptance, tolerance and visibility in our area and we're determined to support that as well as giving hate crime nowhere to hide in our borough."

The council will ensure details of how to report hate crimes are promoted on the council website and social media channels and promote and support National Hate Crime Awareness Week, which runs during October each year, via the council website and social media channels, and in its work with relevant partner agencies such as Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire County Council, and others.

## Housing development approved in Scarisbrick

PLANS to build 22 homes in Scarisbrick have been given the green light by West Lancashire Council.

Eccleston Homes, supported by planning consultancy, Lichfields, has secured permission to transform a brownfield site on Black Moss Lane into a cul-

de-sac of four and five bedroomed homes.

The plans also include landscaping, tree planting, woodland management and a new footpath to link the site with Southport Road.

The site currently comprises vacant industrial stores, ware-

houses and offices, which were previously occupied by food wholesaler Bidfood. The commercial buildings, which are in a poor state of repair, will be demolished to make way for a range of two and two-and-a-half-storey homes and landscaping.

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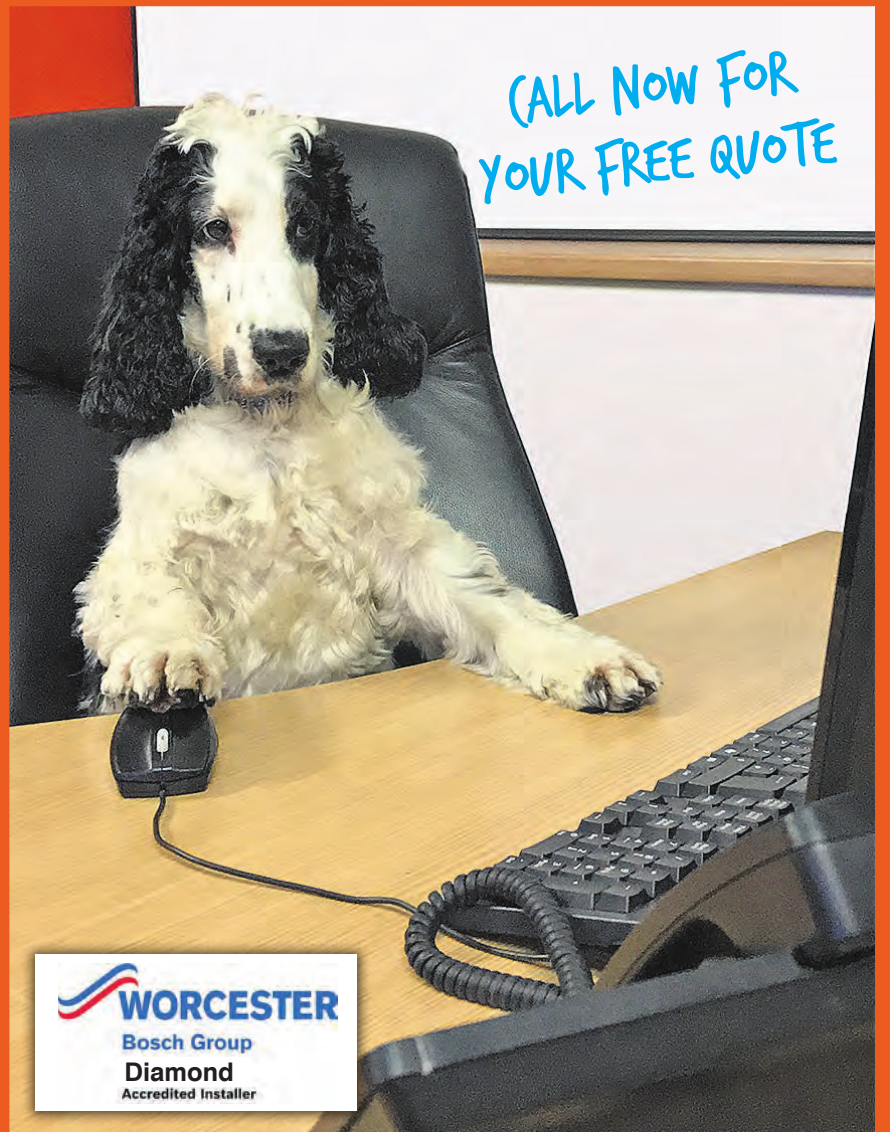
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## Linnets come back from two goals down to win thriller in injury time

Vauxhall Motors 2  
Burscough 3

BURSCOUGH fought back from a two goals down to take home all three points after a brilliant fightback in the second half, **writes Neil Leatherbarrow.**

It was the hosts who started the game sharpest, taking the lead in the 11th minute when Leo Riley scored a penalty.

The Linnets were taking time to settle down and a chip from Vauxhall's Kieren Knapper had to be cleared off the goal line and Burscough goalkeeper Jack Reynolds made a good save from Mike Burkey.

Gradually Burscough got going and actually had the ball in the net on 24 minutes but they were thwarted in their celebrations by a raised assistant referee's flag.

Burscough were now giving as good as they got and only a frantic clearance off the line prevented an equaliser on the half hour, however at the other end Tom Mitchell headed over the Linnets crossbar.

It was looking quite promising for Burscough as the interval approached but then things took a turn for the worse as Knapper

made a dangerous run down the left and his ball into the goal-mouth was deflected into the net by a Linnets defender.

It was now 2-0 to Vauxhall as the teams went into the break.

Four minutes after the restart Burscough pulled a goal back, when, in what might well be his last appearance in a Linnets shirt before his move to City of Liverpool, Josh Quarless left the supporters something to remember him by making it 2-1.

With 12 minutes remaining Burscough levelled, Declan Daniels the man netting his eighth league goal of the season to make it 2-2.

Four minutes from the end home goalkeeper Mike Dixon made an excellent save to keep out a free-kick from Luke Denson, but a minute into added time Burscough struck the winner, substitute George Lomax making himself the Burscough hero.

**Next matches:**

- **Burscough vs Prestwich**  
**Heys. Saturday, November 6.**  
**Kick off 3pm**

- **Burscough vs AVRO.**  
**Tuesday, November 9. Kick off 7.45pm.**

## Morris brace earns Skem a point in top of table clash

Barnoldswick Town 2  
Skelmersdale United 2

SKELMERSDALE United's trip to Barnoldswick on Saturday marked the 100th game in charge for manager Paul McNally and the boss will have been pleased with the point that his side picked up in this tense battle at the top end of the North West Counties League, **writes Kevin Panther.**

After an even first 15 minutes it was the visitors who struck first. A Skelmersdale corner was cleared to the half way line and Connor Jackson ran towards goal and produced a debt lob from all of 30 yards that saw the ball sailing into the back of the net.

United hit back five minutes later when a delightful through ball from Baba Conteh found Elliott Morris, who with a cool head slipped the ball under the home keeper Jordan Gidley for 1-1

It was Morris who struck again just two minutes later, in bizarre circumstances.

Mikey Howard had been caught offside and as the United defence were retreating the kick was taken, directly to the feet of



Baba Conteh carries the ball forward for Skem.

United's Danny Mitchley, who casually played the ball forward to Morris who was quickly on to it and slipped the ball wide of the advancing keeper to give Skem the lead.

Mitchley and Howard went close to extending the lead but the Barlick defence stood firm. Barnes made the stop

of the afternoon from a fierce volley from Brad Knox and then he had to be at his very best as he pulled off a double save from Jackson right on half time.

Paul McNally's lads had been good value for their half time lead but on a heavy pitch and playing uphill they found the going tough in the second period, not helped as they conceded an early equaliser from wide man Aaron Fleming, who cut in from the left wing, his shot curling past a stranded Barnes for 2-2.

Barnoldswick threw the kitchen sink at Skem looking for a winner but the Skem defence held firm.

United's best chance saw a Mitchley effort well taken by the keeper and a goal bound shot from Mini Adegbenro deflected for a corner.

In the general scheme of things United will see this as a point gained rather than two dropped.

**Next matches:**

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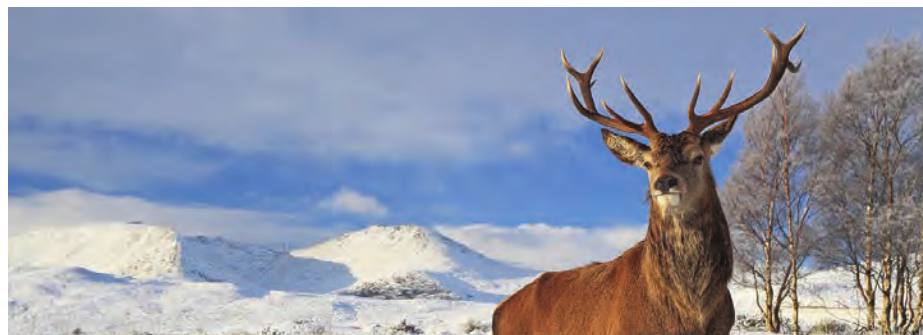
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Also thank you for the cards, letters, flowers and donations to The Coeliac Society and Cancer Research.

Thanks also to Reverend Martin Abrams for a comforting service and to Moisters Ainsdale for the funeral arrangement.

## WENDY FEARNs

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for all the love and support shown to us following the loss of our darling mum.

Our very sincere thanks to Father Daley for the most beautiful and fitting requiem mass.

Donations to 'Natascha's Voice' were gratefully appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks to Melanie & staff at H Hardman Funeral Directors for their incredible dignity and reverence.

Mum would have been so touched by the outpouring of love in her memory.

### BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMs

## PETER OWEN BERKLEY

6th November

Birthday wishes sweetheart

How can you fix my broken heart,  
When it's broken beyond repair,  
How can you put it together again,  
When the other halve's not there.  
Will my eyes ever shine again,  
When i know i can't see you,  
I feel just like an empty shell,  
My life is missing you.

"To the stars and back sweetheart"

Miss you forever P

Your broken hearted Wife Marie XXXX

### IN MEMORIAM



## GOODWIN TONY

2 November 2020  
All Souls Day

First year without you Tony a very long year

Our dear relatives Minty and family, Mike (Canada ) Life long friends special friends too many to mention loved and missed by all

In our thoughts always very fond memories

Donations to Tony's two chosen charities, £500 gratefully accepted

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God Bless Loving Brother Roger xxxx.

### DEATHS

## AINSCOUGH HELEN (NEE: SUTTON)

Passed away peacefully  
on **27th October 2021**  
aged **84 years**

Loving Wife to Derrick.  
Cherished Mum to Christine (deceased) & Julie.  
Adored Nan to Robert, William & Alison.  
Special Nana 'Mubber' to her Great-Grandchildren.

Funeral Service and Interment at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Wednesday 10th November at 11.00am.  
Family flowers only please, but donations if so desired for North West Air Ambulance.

Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton  
Tel: 01695 424888.

## NEED SUSAN "OUR SUE"

November 5th

Time passes, days go by, but memories will always stay. You're loved and missed and remembered every day.

Love Mary

### DEATHS

## WHITTAKER COLIN

19th October 2021  
Aged 80 Years

Funeral Service at St Gregory's R C Church on Thursday 4th November at 10am followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium.

Family flowers only please but if desired Donations would be gratefully received for St Joseph Hospice.

Enquires to Graham J Clegg  
Funeral Service, Maghull, L31 5JB.  
Tel : 0151 520 3330.

## PARR TOM

28th October 2021  
Peacefully at his home  
in Skelmersdale  
aged 89 years.

The dearly loved Husband of Betty. Loving Dad of Karon. Devoted Grandad of Martin, Rhian and Ben and Great grandad to Ciaran and Tahlia.

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 11th November 2021 at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

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## DEATHS

## BIRCHALL JOHN ROBERTS

on the  
25th October 2021  
Peacefully at Willow  
Lodge Care Home  
Age 93 Years

Beloved Husband of  
the late Rhoda

Will be sadly missed  
by his wider Family

Funeral service  
will take place at  
West Lancashire  
Crematorium  
On Thursday 11th  
November at 11am  
Donations if desired  
to The British Heart  
Foundation

All enquiries to  
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MIs Funeral Directors  
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Aughton L39 5DZ  
Tel: 01695 424888

## DEATHS

## GREGSON IAN

24th October 2021  
Peacefully in hospital  
aged 62 years of  
Skelmersdale

The dearly loved  
Husband of Carol.  
Loving Dad of  
John, Rachael and  
Christopher. Devoted  
Grandad of Alex and  
much loved Son of  
Joan and the  
late Johnny.

Funeral service at  
St Paul's Church,  
Skelmersdale on  
Wednesday 10th  
November 2021 at  
1:15pm followed by  
interment at West  
Lancashire Cemetery,  
Burscough.

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Independent Family  
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## DEATHS

## ABBOTT MARGARET

On 27th October 2021.  
Peacefully at home  
aged 81 years.

Dearly beloved wife  
of Edward and much  
loved mother of Jane  
and Andrew, and  
grandchildren, Daniel,  
Georgina, Alexandra,  
as well as great  
granddaughter Thea.

Margaret will be sadly  
missed by her family,  
friends and all who  
knew her.

Funeral service at St  
Theresa's Catholic  
Church, Upholland.  
Donations to  
Clatterbridge Cancer  
Centre, Liverpool.

Further enquiries  
to MLS Funeral  
Directors, 22a  
Liverpool Road North,  
Burscough, L40 5TP.  
Tel: 01704 891555.

## DEATHS

## WATKINSON MARGARET NEE RIGBY

27th October 2021  
Peacefully in hospital  
aged 87 years  
of Ormskirk.

The dearly loved Mum  
of Ian. Dear  
Mother in law  
of Alison. Devoted  
Nan of Mark, Rachel  
and Helen and Great  
nan to Isabelle.

Funeral service at  
West Lancashire  
Crematorium on  
Thursday 11th  
November 2021 at  
10:00am. Family  
flowers only please,  
donations if desired  
for Queenscourt  
Hospice.

All enquiries to  
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Funeral Directors  
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## DEATHS

## CHADWICK DOROTHY (NEE COBHAM)

of Ormskirk/Tarleton

Passed away on  
22 October 2021  
at home in Tarleton

Dear beloved wife  
of the late John  
Chadwick  
Sister of Philip  
cousin to Janice &  
Lynn

Service to be  
held at Southport  
Crematorium on  
Monday 8th  
November 2021 at  
1.00pm

Family flowers only.

Donations if desired  
to RNLI.

All Funeral Enquiries to  
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Directors  
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Street  
Ormskirk L39 2EY  
Tel 01695 572997

## DEATHS

## BANCROFT MARGARET ELLEN

(Nee Prescott)

Of Ormskirk  
Peacefully in Southport  
General Hospital  
on 19th October 2021  
Aged 93 Years

Devoted Wife of  
Walter (Deceased).  
Loved Mum to Keith,  
Paul, Ian & Howard.  
Proud Nana to Matt,  
Tom, Lee, Emma,  
Josh, Jacob & Abigail  
Great Nan to Eloise

Funeral service  
to take place at  
West Lancashire  
Crematorium,  
Burscough on  
Friday 5th November  
at 4pm

Donations in lieu of  
flowers to The British  
Heart Foundation

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enquiries to  
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Directors  
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Telephone:  
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## DEATHS

## CHADWICK ELAINE

Peacefully at home  
27th October 2021  
Aged 87 Years

Reunited with her  
beloved Husband  
Jim. Much loved  
Mother to Roy and  
Pauline, proud and  
loving Gran to her  
Grandchildren and  
Great Grandchildren,  
devoted Sister  
to Barbara.  
Elaine will be sadly  
missed by all her  
family and everyone  
who had the pleasure  
of knowing her.

Funeral Service  
will take place at  
West Lancashire  
Crematorium on  
Wednesday  
10th November  
2021 at 2pm.

Family flowers  
only by request,  
donations if desired to  
Queenscourt Hospice  
and SHINE (Charity  
for Spina Bifida)

Further enquiries to

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Funeral Directors,  
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## DEATHS

## ROBINSON ALAN WILLIAM

24th October 2021  
Aged 78 Years

Dearly loved husband  
of Nancy.  
Devoted father of  
Nicola, Neil and  
daughter in law  
Joanne.

Son in law of Doris.  
The proudest Grandad  
of Katy, Jack, Alex,  
Luke, Cleo and recent  
addition Amber.  
Caring Brother of  
Brian and Val, Pat and  
Eric.

Good friend to many.

Alan will be  
remembered for his  
conviviality, story  
telling and terrible  
jokes.

At peace.

Funeral service  
at Southport  
Crematorium  
on Monday 8th  
November at 2:00pm.  
Family flowers only  
please but donations  
if so desired can be  
sent to Queenscourt  
Hospice.

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## LITTLEWOOD SYLVIA

Passed away peacefully  
on 24th October 2021,  
aged 75 years.

Dearly loved Mother  
to Gary, Andrew  
and Susan. Mother  
in law to Pauline and  
Graham.

Treasured Grandma  
to Jack, Josh, Ben,  
Danielle and Abbie

Funeral service to take  
place at Southport  
Crematorium on  
Friday 19th November  
2021 at 11am.

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please.

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## STANNAWAY MAUREEN

13th October 2021  
Aged 86 Years

Died peacefully.

Maureen will be  
missed by all who  
knew her.

Funeral service to take  
place at Southport  
Crematorium  
on Tuesday 9th  
November at 2:00pm.  
Flowers welcome or  
donations can be sent  
to Cats Protection.

Enquiries to Howard's  
Funeral Directors, 1-5  
Roe Lane, Southport,  
PR9 9DR.  
Tel: 01704 500086.

## RENNER BARBARA (NEE McADAM)

Passed away peacefully  
on 22nd October 2021  
Aged 70

Much loved Mum  
to Lisa, Sister to Beryl  
and the late Charlie

Will be sadly missed  
by all who knew her.

Funeral Service  
will take place  
at West Lincs  
Crematorium  
on Tuesday 9th  
November 2pm

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## DEATHS



## MAWDSLEY ERIC

25th October 2021  
Aged 88 Years

Beloved Husband to Valerie. Much loved Dad to Nic and David, loving Grandad to Aaron, Xenia and Russell. Great-grandad to Joseph, Amelia and Harry. Special Brother to Alan.

Eric will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Service at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church on Monday 15th November at 12.00pm followed by committal at Southport Crematorium. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice.

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## DEATHS

## GILBERT CAROL IRENE

Died peacefully on  
22nd October 2021  
aged 77 years  
at Southport Hospital  
with her family  
by her side

Most cherished Wife of Peter. Much loved Mum of Nicola and Marcus and their respective partners Carl and Helen. Devoted and wonderful Nana to Poppy.

Greatly loved and missed by all her family. Also her friends with whom she had so much fun.

Thanks to Southport Hospital and North West Ambulance Service.

Funeral service to be held on Monday 8th November at St Marks Church, Scarisbrick at 11am, followed by burial in the Churchyard.

Family flowers only by request, but donations are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice

Donations and further enquiries to

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## DEATHS

## NEWSON BRIAN

After a long illness  
peacefully at  
Sutton Grange  
Care Home  
on 27th October 2021  
Aged 86 years

Much loved Husband of Iris. Dear Father of Andy and Dave. Dear Father-in-law of Sue and Jill. Loving Grandpa of John and Jenna, Great Grandpa of Oscar and Ella.

Devoted Brother of Norman and a much loved Uncle of Joanna, Fiona and Kirsty. Brian will be sadly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral Service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 11am. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice.

All enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, 8 Marshside Road, Churchtown, Southport. PR9 8PF Tel: 01704 227430.

## DEATHS

## MILLER SYLVIA (NEE BURNET)

25th of October 2021  
Peacefully fell asleep at  
home aged 73 years

Reunited with her Daughter Karen, Dad Walter and Mum Gladys. Beloved Wife to heartbroken Husband John. Loving Mum to Annette & Son-in-Law Alan. Much loved and devoted Grandma to Lauren & Jack. Dear Sister to Pam & John, Sister-in-law to Peter, Pauline, Jenny & David. Auntie to Jacqueline, Ian, Claire, Stephen, David & Sarah.

Sylvia will be sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.

Funeral Service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 9th November at 1pm. Family flowers only please, Donations if desired to British Lung Foundation or The Donkey Sanctuary

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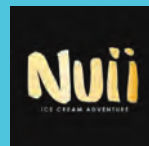
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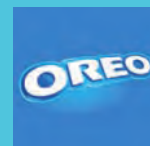
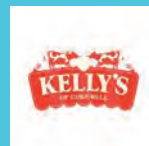
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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U2832 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton from U3726 Carmel Close, Aughton to for a distance of 25m in a South Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Wednesday 24th November 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U2832 Aughton Park Drive, Aughton – U9384 Black Moss Lane, Aughton – C 123 Long Lane, Aughton and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow routine sewer maintenance works to be carried out by Sapphire Utility Solutions on behalf of United Utilities.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HR/IT/32466/E/W]



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(U477 DEANS LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over that length of U477 Deans Lane, Newburgh from a point approximately 480m from its junction with U457 Frog Lane, Lathom for a distance of approximately 50m in a S outherly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0530 hours on Tuesday 23rd November 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- U477 Deans Lane, Newburgh – U477 Deans Lane, Lathom – C 164 Hoscar Moss Road, Ivy House Farm – C 164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom – A5209 Briars lane, Lathom – A5209 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom – A5209 Course Lane, Newburgh – U477 Back Lane, Newburgh – U477 Deans Lane, Newburgh and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the annual level crossing service to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HR/IT/31948/E/W]



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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

(U981 BACK LANE, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U981 Back Lane, Aughton from a point 170m North West of its junction with U982 Sudell Lane, Aughton for a distance of 105m in a Northerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative daily between 0930 hours and 1530 hours from Monday 22nd November 2021 until Friday 26th November 2021 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access to affected properties will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is not possible owing to the affected section of U981 Back Lane, Aughton being a no through road.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the rerouting of the drop wires to be carried out by Sunbelt Rentals UK on behalf of BT.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HR/IT/32446/E/W]



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(U350 MEADOW LANE, LATHOM AND U353 DAISY LANE, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

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1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle or cycle to proceed over the following lengths of highway in the West Lancashire Borough:-  
i. U350 Meadow Lane, Lathom from U351 Bleak Lane, Lathom for a distance of 50m in a S outherly direction.

ii. U353 Daisy Lane, Lathom from U350 Meadow Lane, Lathom for a distance of 25m in a South Westerly direction.

2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.

3. The prohibition will be operative from 0005 hours until 0530 hours on Wednesday 24th November 2021 or until completion of the works within this period.

4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures are as follows:-

**Meadow Lane, Lathom**

U351 Bleak Lane, Lathom – U352 Wood Lane, Lathom – C 164 Hoscar Moss Road, Ivy House Farm – C 164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom and vice versa

**Daisy Lane, Lathom**

U471 Carr Lane, Lathom – C 164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom – C 164 Hoscar Moss Road, Ivy House Farm and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the serving of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:  
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HR/IT/30345/E/W]



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Every Mercedes-Benz SL I've ever driven has been at least a little bit boring, but that's not a problem because it's not supposed to be in any way pulse-raising. A couple of years ago I took an old 280 SL over the Buttertubs Pass, one of the best roads in North York-shire, and while it did absolutely nothing to involve me in the drive it did at least treat me to a little dial letting me know how efficiently I was undertaking the journey (not very, as it turned out). A couple of years later I borrowed its Nineties successor, the 300 SL-24, and while it was a consummate technical masterpiece it felt like an S-Class without a roof. Largely because, for better or worse, it was.

That's not to say that there haven't been exciting SLs over the years, as anyone familiar with some of the ludicrously powerful AMG

or Brabus versions will testify, but as a general rule of thumb the SL is meant to be sumptuous, sober and safer than staying in bed.

Only it seems that the chaps in Stuttgart didn't get the memo this time. In fact, technically it isn't even a Mercedes-Benz anymore.

The SL is now a Mercedes-AMG, meaning that the legwork has now been entrusted to its in-house tuning division, and they've started by launching it with a choice of two V8s (although there will, in time, be a hybrid option too). Clearly the performance boffins have been hard at work, because the new SL doesn't share a single component with the old SL, or other AMG offerings like the GT Roadster. It's also more aerodynamic and equipped with a lower centre of gravity than the outgoing roadster, but the real headline is that for the first time in the SL's 70-year career the power will be going to all four wheels. All of which means that this latest model is shaping up to be exciting to drive and agile through the bends – and that just won't do. Naturally, Mercedes has kitted it out with just about every driver aid imaginable, including sensors, cameras and radar systems lifted straight out of the latest S-Class, but even they I suspect won't be able to stop the new arrival's custodians from smiling if they peel off the motorway and take the back roads for a change.

The SL sounds like it's being let off the leash for a change. The world's most conservative roadster just got interesting...

*David Simister is the editor of Classic Car Weekly*



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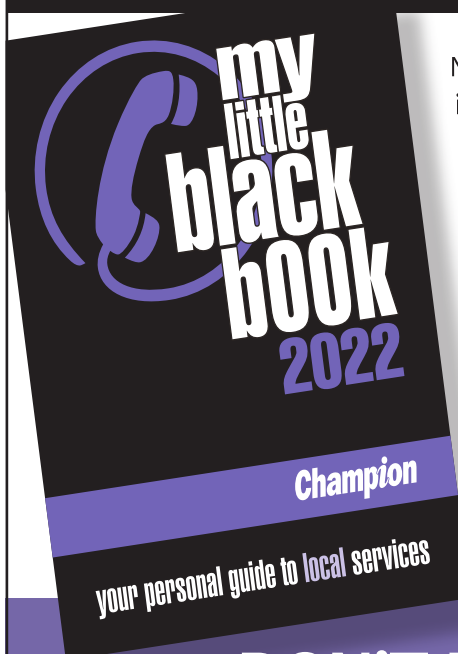
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